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Evanston Meetings

An important reason for attending the Midwinter Meetings of these recent years has been to see Dr. Jay T. Stocking and to cultivate his friendship. For several years he was chairman of the Commission on Missions,—an unsurpassed presiding officer. He compelled haste with trivial and routine affairs. He encouraged debate on matters of consequence. He was fair to all—to the individual who wanted to talk, to the group that tired of much speaking. He was a man of clear mind, luminous soul, friendly heart,—an inclusive spirit. It was rare fortune to meet him anywhere, but to find him late at night, and alone,—that was worth a long vigil. To receive a personal letter from him,—brief, pointed, friendly,—was worth more than the effort of deciphering it. As this year's meeting was about to begin, word came that our leader was dead. A moment of stunned silence, a prayer of gratitude that such a man ever lived, and then we settled down to the tasks before us as Dr. Stocking himself would have desired. But a great light had gone out.

The fact had to be faced that during another year benevolence giving of our churches had dropped—not much, but 2.81 per cent. The spirit in which missionaries and executives face such disturbing facts is the most encouraging sign of early recovery. Benevolence giving is determined somewhat by general economic conditions, more by the faith of church leaders and people in the religion they profess. And so the C. O. M., after earnest thought, voted to ask the churches to set the goal for the biennium beginning January 1, 1936, at a total of 22 per cent more than the receipts of the past two years. A program of promotion was adopted which lays emphasis on the Church Officers' Visitation, the Every-Member Canvass in every church, and the special cultivation of nearly 2000 churches that gave nothing to the apportionment in 1935.

One difficult problem which will be harder each year until 1943, is the increasing amount necessary to maintain ministerial pensions at the $500 level. The C. O. M. adopted the recommendation of the Survey Committee that for 1937 the State Conferences, the Home Boards, and the American Board share equally in the two per cent increase which the Annuity Fund must have for this purpose, and that a special committee be appointed to work out a comprehensive plan for the solution of the whole problem.

Dr. Lewis Reed reported that the Christmas Fund for 1935, with 6379 contributors, amounted to $63,326,—$1500 more than in 1933 and $1300 less than in 1934.

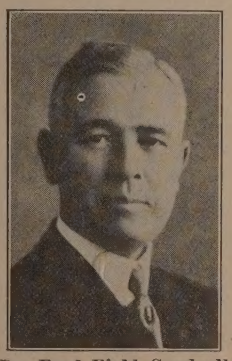
The Extension Boards brought forcibly to our attention the difficulty of eliminating missionary aid in fields where there are too many churches, by submitting to the decision of the board a dozen or more specific cases. It is easier to adopt a rule in a meeting of denominational executives than it is to apply that rule in given situations.

Attendants at the meetings will long remember the searchingly worshipful services conducted each day by Rev. Russell Clinchy. The dinner on Monday evening with an address by Rev. R. B. Walker on "Recovery" was an occasion of fine fellowship. On the following three evenings, the Council for Social Action, the American Board, and the Home Boards, presented programs of instruction and inspiration.

—T. T. Giffen.

GOODSELL COMING

After 35,000 miles of travel, by air as well as by land and sea, Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, executive vice-president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, has just returned from an eight months' intensive visit to Africa, India, Ceylon and the Near East, bringing a thrilling story of Christianity as a world force based on first-hand contacts with Christian nationals and some of the world's leaders in social, political and spiritual realms. Among these were General Smuts, Minister of Justice in the Hertzog Cabinet in South Africa, whom Dr. Goodsell describes as "the most magnetic man I have ever met,"



Dr. Fred Field Goodsell

and Mahatma Gandhi, whom he feels will continue to give "prophetic leadership in the things of the spirit."

Dr. Goodsell will be in the territory of the Northern California Congregational Conference from February 23 to March 9, inclusive. A schedule of appointments is being arranged by Superintendent Gill.

"The era of colonial missions has closed and the fellowship era of world-wide Christian effort has begun," says Dr. Goodsell. "Evangelical Christianity is becoming a world force. The last 15 years have witnessed great progress in the growth of self-reliance and self-determination among indigenous churches. The goal is a world federation of evangelical Christian churches in which the Christian movement in each nation shall play its well-organized part."

DR. LAUBACH IN MARCH

We are pleased to announce that Frank C. Laubach, Ph. D. is to be a guest of the Northern California Congregational Conference at a series of men's dinners for one week, beginning March 17. Dr. Laubach is noted as the inventor of an alphabet that opened the doors of literacy to the Moros. He is an inventor, an author, an authority on the Philippines, and the friend of under-privileged people round the world. He is one of the most dynamic speakers representing the Congregational churches in their world-wide work. The schedule of his visit is being prepared by Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

BENEVOLENCE COMPARISON

The February issue of The Pacific each year brings the churches and individual givers the story of benevolence receipts for the previous year and up to the tenth of January. Readers must remember that the totals here set forth are of the money remitted **through the Conference treasury.** They do **not** include gifts sent directly to the National Boards.

For the Home Boards, including the Council for Social Action..$5,790.80
(This is a gain of $188.38 over 1934 due to a re-adjustment of percentage for C. S. A. as directed by General Council)

For the American Board (Foreign Missions $7,617.45
(This is a loss of $1184.37 as against 1934, due in part to adjustment of percentage as above noted.)

For our own State Conference and Home Missions $17,337.66
(This is a gain of $174.59 over 1934 due to the raising of the Special Deficit Fund last March.)

For our State Ministers' Relief Society $971.81
(This is a loss of $58.04 as compared with 1934.)

Total $31,717.72
(This is a total reduction of $909.44, or 2.79 percent as against 1934.)

Preliminary and incomplete reports made by the Commission on Missions at the Midwinter Meetings, plus some delayed items, showed that total receipts from northern California churches, including remittances direct to Boards, were $33,116.00 in 1935, or $1,465.00 less than in 1934, or a loss of 4.2 percent.

This is the first year in five that the percentage of loss in Northern California was greater than the average of the churches of the entire country, which was 2.81 percent. In spite of this, we still have a more favorable record since the depression began than our fellowship as a whole. Since 1930 the drop in budgeted apportionment giving in our Conference has been from $58,281 to $33,116, or $25,165 in actual money, which is 43 percent, whereas the average for all the churches in the country in the same period has been 56.6 percent.

Among our Coast Conferences, one has had a greater loss than we have, one a smaller loss, and one has made a distinct gain. In fact, while 23 Conferences lost during 1935, there were 15 that made gains. In this last fact we find the greatest encouragement, viz.: that in nearly one half of the territory of the country, our churches increased their giving. With evidences of increased prosperity on every hand, the time has come when, instead of trying to hold the line against further retreat and retrenchment, we should move forward. The C. O. M. at Evanston believes it possible that during the years 1936 and 1937 a 22 percent gain over the two years of '34 and '35 may be registered. Let us do our part.

A native of Umtali, Africa, saw an aeroplane for the first time. "Would you like to go up in that?" he was asked. "No," he replied, "but I would like a setting of eggs like it."

C. S. A. Session

The youngest member of the Congregational family, at first tolerated, became genuinely welcomed at the Evanston gathering.

Mrs. Marguerite Bro, the newest member of the staff, called attention in a brilliant address, to the fact that Frances Willard's mother wanted a boy. When the little girl was born, she turned her face to the wall and wept! The Council for Social Action has already lived to see a drying of some tears which were shed at its birth.

To change the figure, there is a growing appreciation of the fact that this council is to be a strong arm of the church in coming to grips with the forces of paganism which surround us. Hubert Herring, the director, marked out paths in which the council is leading toward the fulfillment of The American Dream. Alfred Schmalz, the associate director, pointed to the successful completion of the peace plebiscite, the largest and most significant poll of its kind ever taken in America. Frank McCulloch was able to report how in Chicago, the largest center of itinerant labor in the country, he had effectively guided the great organization of unemployed into constructive and peaceful activities. It may be added that extreme radical groups have blamed his leadership for the fact that they have been unable to get the unemployed into their organizations. The council hopes soon to have financial resources enough to place workers in other spheres which constitute appealing missionary fields.

Because of the emergency requirements for added percentages for the Ministerial Boards in order to pay annuities under the old plan, the council was willing to forego the larger percentage which would have been required to give it the $60,000 which it had been assured by the Oberlin vote. On the other hand, the Commission on Missions displayed a generous confidence in granting the council the use of a revolving fund of $10,000 to carry on the work until the necessary income becomes available.

The council is developing leadership in the great areas of social strain with which the Church must be concerned. It has a program for each local church. The directors are anxious that each church form a social action committee with which they can work. They would also urge that each church organize an adult class, forum or discussion group for studying the application of the spirit and teachings of Jesus to the realms of life which thus far have been dominated by secular and materialistic forces. The little magazine "Social Action," available through the Conference office at one dollar per year, will provide the churches with valuable source material.

—Lawrence Wilson.

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FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER READY

For the Lenten season of 1936 the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life take pleasure in announcing THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER prepared by Dr. Raymond C. Brooks of Pomona College, Calif.

Dr. Brooks has been for a generation one of the inspiring leaders of college young people East and West. Before entering teaching he was a successful pastor and he knows the problems of present-day living. His purpose in writing the Fellowship of Prayer may be given perhaps best in his own words: "I propose, therefore, that in this Lenten period we examine the nature of this new world into which we are moving, that we seek for the foundations upon which we can build securely, that we recognize the contribution Jesus has made and that we discover the price we must pay if we are to build a world wherein dwelleth Righteousness and Peace."

Copies of the Fellowship of Prayer have been sent to all pastors. Readers of the Pacific are invited to secure a copy from their pastor, or to send a three-cent stamp for a sample copy to Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

DAY BY DAY WITH DR. WILBUR

In many cases, we are not able to do as much good as we would like, but in many more we are able to get results which please us and delight our patients. We see many skin diseases, and cure most of them, sometimes just by removing the Chinese medicine and using a harmless ointment. We save many eyes from blindness as a result of trachoma, which is so common. Perhaps the most miraculous thing in their sight is restoring lost vision through cataract operations. Occasionally, strangely enough, we make fast friends by the tragic operation of amputation. Thanks to the widespread bone tuberculosis and the delay of coming to the doctor, it is an all too frequent necessity, but after a year or two of suffering and disability, they may be glad enough to part with their worthless member and to have an artificial leg or arm in its place.

Sometimes in the course of the day's work we are confronted with some of the less romantic aspects of Chinese thought. It is distressing to be told not to spend too much money in trying to save a girl when the family is well off. It is perhaps more so to be met with the thinly veiled suggestion that the amount the doctor asks for treatment of a man's wife is more than he would have to pay for a new one. What would you do if a patient you could not cure refused to go home because her husband had married again? Legally, she has a right to his support and an honorable place in the home, but can we blame her if she says she prefers death to going back?

. . . From a letter by Dr. Leonard Wilbur.

1935 AND 1934

Herewith is appended the church-by-church list of benevolence giving of the Northern California Congregational Conference for 1935, in comparison with 1934. This report covers all money applying on the apportionment sent through the Conference office up to and including the end of the apportionment year, January 10, 1936. It does not include remittances direct to the American Board and the Home Board, nor to the National German Conference. Contributions for religious work at the University of California and for the Special Deficit Fund are included in the figures for each church. The Thank Offering appears as a part of the miscellaneous item at the bottom of the column, prac, the Thank Offering is not credited to the churches. In another column a special list of churches participating in the Thank Offering appears. Of the eighty-four churches thus reporting, 38 gave less than in 1934 and nine gave the same amount, while 37 forged ahead. The total, however, shows a loss of $909, which would have been much more serious but for the Special Deficit Fund of last April which amounted to $827.05

Church	1935	1934
Adin	$ 150.00	$ 150.50
Alameda	636.12	531.73
Alturas	26.38	24.30
Angels Camp	105.00	85.00
Antioch	43.06	43.46
Auburn	50.00	39.53
Benicia	40.00	52.28
Berkeley:		
First	6,930.67	7,385.00
Kensington	10.00	10.00
North	786.10	829.61
Park	101.74	105.69
Campbell	300.00	310.00
Ceres	40.00	52.31
Cloverdale	86.73	60.69
Cotati	48.92	74.84
Crockett	100.00	108.00
Eureka	312.81	303.00
Fairfax	40.00	100.00
Ferndale	275.49	288.75
Fowler	10.00	10.00
Fresno:		
First	658.21	770.93
Free Cross	10.00	.....
Japanese	10.00	6.00
Pilgrim	136.23	120.75
Zion	25.00	25.00
Glen Ellen	.....	16.61
Grass Valley	20.00	.....
Guerneville	1.50	.....
Hayward	150.00	150.00
Kenwood	80.70	27.65
Likely	5.00	1.32
Lockeford	18.00	.....
Lodi, First	950.80	899.20
Loomis	62.92	27.50
Martinez	245.92	100.32
Murphy	40.00	40.00
Niles	27.20	.....
Oakland:		
Bethany	35.00	30.00
Calvary	.....	10.00
First	4,881.06	6,102.35
Fruitvale	21.50	17.00
Japanese	.....	6.00
Pilgrim	13.50	20.00
Plymouth	729.96	798.14
Oroville	145.00	200.00
Pacific Grove	457.07	450.76
Palo Alto	1,561.87	1,594.22
Paradise	222.71	93.00
Petaluma	704.95	724.93
Pittsburg	49.59	74.08
Port Chicago	2.35	.....
Porterville	105.00	48.50
Redwood City	560.00	450.00
Reedley Finnish	25.00	23.00
Rio Vista	20.00	20.00
Ripon	105.00	100.00
Sacramento	704.41	738.20
Salida	50.00	50.00
San Carlos	50.00	50.00
San Francisco:		
Bethany Msn. Pk.	446.94	400.57
Calvary	32.00	25.00
Chinese	20.37	20.37
First	1,583.54	1,071.23
Ocean View	45.92	50.00
Richmond	28.00	28.61
San Jose	775.00	1,000.00
San Leandro	102.73	171.73
San Lorenzo	5.00	.....
San Mateo	295.00	273.67
San Rafael	15.06	31.50
Santa Cruz	891.09	900.00
Santa Rosa	237.50	192.07
Saratoga	505.00	613.10
Sebastopol	304.35	233.95
Sonoma	100.00	61.65
Soquel	67.00	63.00
Stockton	620.86	771.48
Suisun	76.00	74.00
Sunol	.....	60.00
Sunnyvale	43.00	43.30
Tulare	300.00	325.00
Weaverville	93.30	100.00
Woodside	25.00	36.50
Reno, Nevada	417.57	363.91
Miscellaneous	1,709.02	1,366.37
	$31,717.72	$32,627.16

Peace Poll Finals

Final results of the Peace Plebiscite have been published. Two hundred thousand ballots and more were returned, representing 55 per cent of the churches and about one-fifth of the total membership. The following excellent summary of the returns is quoted from an editorial in the "Christian Century":

"On the major issue of supporting war, only six per cent adopt the 'theirs not to reason why' attitude of being willing to support any war voted by the government. Forty-two per cent demand that every agency for peace be tried before resorting to arms. Thirty-three per cent will not budge until American territory has been invaded. Fifteen per cent adopt the out-and-out pacifist position. When it came to choosing between methods of securing peace the choices of the Congregationalists proved no less instructive, even though the total vote on these questions was somewhat smaller. Joining the League of Nations was voted down, 90,000 to 70,000. A seven-to-one majority favored consultation with other nations in support of the Kellogg pact and other peace agreements. Strict neutrality legislation appealed to 84,000, while 55,000 dissented. Perhaps the most surprising result was the five-to-one majority for the more equal distribution of world resources and markets. (Did the voters fully understand the implications of that proposal?) The vote was two to one for the abolition of compulsory military training in colleges and high schools; eight to one for government control of the munitions industry. If other church groups are in this same mood, the next attempt to whip the nation into a fighting fury may not succeed as easily as the one made twenty years ago."

"Puzzled and Weary"

"In Gibraltar I saw 26 destroyers, all English; in Toulon, over 100 destroyers and submarines. In Naples, 20 feet from us, was a troop ship loading four cannon, two barges of ammunition in green tin boxes, and kicking, squealing mules by the hundreds. That afternoon, 6000 soldiers were to leave. We saw them marching—new khaki uniforms (usually too big), goggles, topees, water-bottles—**sunburned boys who looked puzzled and weary.** Still I can't but remember that Stanley High said two per cent of the people can prevent war, if they will." From a letter to Mrs. Edson C. Lockwood, at present in America, written by Miss Abbe J. Wallace on her way back to the Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial School, Madura, India.

JOSEPH A. BENTON

Word has been received of the death of Rev. Joseph A. Benton, at Imola, California in June 1935. A nephew of Dr. Joseph A. Benton of pioneer fame whose name he bore, he was a classmate of many of our local pastors, in the Pacific Theological Seminary when it was located in Oakland. They remember him as a sound student, worthy of his illustrious forbears. His unassuming personality found its best expression in service. He is mourned by three sisters and a brother, Mrs. J. A. Baldwin of Carmel, Mrs. Loyal L. Wirt of Claremont, Elisabeth S. Benton of San Francisco and Ackerson E. A. Benton of Los Angeles.

Not So Small

Many feel that for them only dollars are a measure of their fitting share in the work of the church for others. Thank God for the thousands who give dollars, in tens and in hundreds, and have no place for giving on the penny scale. But for such, all work which the churches do for others rather than for themselves, would be in a sad way. These men and women live in a different world from that of the deacon of a country church who announced weekly in the village Sunday school, "Now we will take the penny collection." We have larger plans for meeting the budget of the local church and the apportionment. We make the annual canvass for dollars. Yet with the large givers and weekly gift in dollars from thousands in moderate circumstances, there is a place for gifts in pennies, and multiplied pennies make surprising sums.

What does a penny bring? Given each meal, it becomes in a year five times what the average member of the Congregational and Christian Churches gave for all our state and missionary work in 1934. Systematic giving is that much more effective than impulsive giving. The man who gives occasionally and puts five dollars in the annual missionary collection, feels he has done a handsome thing. But he fools himself. He thinks that a plan of penny giving demeans the work of the church, and yet his five dollar bill is less than half what the penny a meal giver contributes annually. Penny gifts are not a measure of all that we should do, but the annual amount totalled by the three pennies a day, brings surprising sums. Tens of thousands have come in through the penny a meal boxes this year from many thousand givers—all this from a penny often repeated.

DR. NEESIMA SAINTED

The statue of Joseph Hardy Neesima, founder of Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, today stands in Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C. In his hands he holds a Bible. He is one of those symbolic figures of the Ter Sanctus Reredos and among his silent companions are St. Timothy, St. Basil, St. Alban, John Crysostom, Reginald Heber, and Bishop Whipple. And another Japanese "saint," Toyohiko Kagawa, in America today, sings: "I fain would be a sculptor of the soul . . . Yet the sculptor cannot carve . . . an image nobler than he sees within his own stout soul....There is a Guide for me, who in His living flesh, has given me the perfect image that I seek of God!"

MRS. SUSAN WALLACE

Mrs. Susan Wallace, widow of the Rev. Louis Wallace, passed away at the home of her daughter in Chico, December 12, 1935.

She came to California with her parents in a covered wagon in 1859. With her husband, she served Congregational churches near Oroville, at Callahans, Alturas, Sierraville, Palermo, Lockeford, and Murphy. Mr. Wallace passed away in 1918. Mrs. Wallace was eighty-five years of age at the time of her death.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 12—Easter Sunday.
May 11-13—Southern California Congregational Conference annual meeting, Los Angeles.
June 16-24—General Council of Congregational-Christian churches, Mt. Holyoke, Mass.
June 25-28—California Christian Endeavor Union State Convention at San Jose.
July 25 to August 1—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, pastor of this church, has resigned to become Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Northern California, to take effect in the near future. The resignation was accepted with many expressions of appreciation of Mr. Pendleton's work, and regrets because of his leaving. He has represented the Congregational Conference on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League for a number of years, and has been a tireless fighter for the cause of temperance and liquor control. He has taken an active interest in local civic affairs, and has built up a reputation throughout the State as a forceful and eloquent speaker on social and economic problems. He expects to continue to make his home in Redwood City.

STOCKTON. The Pilgrim Players successfully presented the drama "The Little Town of Bethlehem," to a crowded house in Stockton, and later in Pioneer Congregational Church, Sacramento. The presentation was directed by Mr. Newmark and the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed.

Rev. George W. Phillips, D.D., of Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, addressed the congregation in the evening service of January 19. His subject was "The Great Paradox of Christianity."

One of the members, Rev. Dwayne Orton, attended the Student Volunteer Conference at Indianapolis, Ind., early in the month and later gave a very interesting account of the meetings before the World Service group.

PORTERVILLE. A hundred and thirty people attended the annual meeting fellowship dinner. Reports showed increases in Sunday School enrollment and church attendance, and in financial resources. The year was closed with more than $300 in the bank. The budget for 1936 provides a sixty percent increase in benevolence giving and a twenty-five percent increase in pastor's salary. More than $700 was included for repairs and improvements. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Eleven new members were received into the church on the first Sunday of January. Mrs. Alice B. Frame, missionary returning to China, spoke at the church dinner on Wednesday evening, February 5. Mrs. Frame is the daughter of Dr. J. K. Browne, whom many California people will remember as a Pacific coast representative of the American Board. One table was reserved for the Mt. Holyoke Club, who were present to honor Mrs. Frame.

Rev. J. N. Pierce, the pastor, has been invited to speak at Pomona College on Saturday, February 15.

ADIN. Eighty-five people were present at the annual meeting. The benevolence apportionment was met in full, and a small amount remained in the treasury of each department. As noted in previous issues of The Pacific, several hundred dollars' worth of improvements have been made on the property. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The Chest of Joash was used on Loyalty Sunday, and there was a fine response in money, and a splendid attendance. Officers and board members for the year were installed by the acting pastor, Rev. W. R. Steininger.

CERES. At the annual meeting, final steps were completed for the disbanding of the church. The property, including church, parish house, and parsonage, is being deeded to the Methodist Church, subject to the mortgage of the building society. The church has rendered splendid service to the community and the denomination since its organization in 1903. The members will, for the most part, unite with the Methodist Church, thus helping to correct a serious overchurched situation.

AUBURN. Rev. R. N. England, the pastor, has resigned to accept a call to the Powder River Larger Parish of Montana. He expects to leave for the new work about February 18. Definite provision has not yet been made for leadership of the church, but negotiations are under way looking toward a yoking of Auburn with Loomis, with Rev. H. J. Loken as pastor.

A capacity crowd attended the annual turkey dinner put on by the Ladies' Guild, and listened to Walter F. Dexter, Secretary to Governor Merriam, on the subject "The Requirements of Good Government."

BERKELEY, NORTH. After a pastorate of four and one-half years, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict resigned to accept a call to Pittsburg. During his leadership, North Church has gained in strength. Mr. Benedict has served as secretary and vice-president of the Berkeley Fellowship of Churches, and Mrs. Benedict has been active in the Federation of Congregational Women and in the Berkeley P.-T. A. They carry with them the affection and good wishes of a very large group of friends.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The church has printed a list of new supporters, numbering about fifty persons and business institutions. The Sunday evening forum, with its own president, vice-president, and secretary, brings speakers on many interesting subjects. During January there were discussions of "The Share Croppers in Texas," "The United Front and Communism," "Vital Christianity," and "The Oakland-San Francisco Bridge." Rev. J. B. Orr is pastor.

EUREKA. The primary and junior departments of the Sunday School have undertaken a project concerned with the life and times of the boy Jesus. Each teacher with a small group will work on a definite assignment. Biblical material will be searched to discover customs, geographical surroundings, and events. Already a keen interest has been manifested. Rev. C. H. Hudson is the pastor.

COTATI. Rev. and Mrs. Milton G. Gabrielson were honored by the Congregational ministers of the county at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace of Santa Rosa. A beautiful copy of Goodspeed's translation of the Bible was presented to the Gabrielsons as a token of goodwill, as they are soon leaving for Long Beach.

TULARE. The church remembered in a happy way the first anniversary of the coming of the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, by sending a note of appreciation with a beautiful potted plant.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland was general chairman of a community-wide religious census. A deficit Dinner, with Chester H. Rowell as speaker, will be held on February 19.

CAMPBELL. The Campbell church has again finished the year with a small balance and the "loyalty week" held in December has realized the 1936 budget, which is slightly increased. The work is strong in every department. The youth movement of the church is particularly encouraging again this year. They paid the apportionment on the church building debt of $225, and $25 towards benevolences. The cent-a-meal boxes raised the remainder. The Ladies' Guild has had a very successful year of work. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, has given special time again last year to the community work among boys, and this year will specialize upon a group of younger lads.

PITTSBURG. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Berkeley has been unanimously called as pastor of the Pittsburg church, and begins his duties on February 15. Mr. Benedict comes with a long and successful record as pastor, of Berkeley, North Church; Wallace, Idaho; and several churches in Minnesota.

The church has been under the able leadership of Rev. C. I. Ford during the interim since the resignation of Rev. C. C. Champlin. Pittsburg presents a fine opportunity for the kind of leadership which Mr. and Mrs. Benedict are able to give.

WEAVERVILLE. Reports at the annual meeting were encouraging. All bills have been paid. The Sunday School showed an increase in attenance, and a full staff of teachers. The Ladies' Aid has papered and painted the parish house and the parsonage and paid the church insurance. Rev. James D. Salmon, the pastor, has been prevented from doing regular work in outlying points because of bad roads.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. G. E. Atkinson installed the newly elected officers of the church in an impressive service. The fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor was fittingly observed, several county officers being present including the president and two former presidents.

SANTA ROSA. Every bill and indebtedness was paid as of January 1. Balances held by various societies totalled $155.00. Benevolence giving has increased. Rev. Westwood Wallace, the pastor, now plans an effort to build up the numerical strength before Easter.

PACIFIC GROVE. All bills were reported paid and in small balance in the treasury at the annual meeting. The church has joined in Week of Prayer services with other evangelical churches. Rev. John H. Hunter is pastor.

SONOMA. Seven ladies of the Missionary Society in a quiet way raised more than $86.00 of the benevolence money contributed by this church. A larger amount was pledged in the every member canvass than a year ago, and all current bills have been met. Rev. R. C. Day is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. A small deficit at the annual meeting has since been met. A community canvass has created a good deal of enthusiasm. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

Word reaches The Pacific that Mrs. Loyal Lincoln Wirt has been very ill. She is still in the hospital, but, according to her doctor, is slowly but surely recovering.

LODI. At the annual meeting the treasurer reported a balance of $125 after all bills had been paid, even though $200 more had been expended in 1935 than the year before. The parsonage has been repapered and painted and a substantial amount is on hand for the painting of the church.

The deacons and deaconesses are to have charge of the midweek services for three months while the pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman, is superintending the Sunday School. Dr. Frederick J. Conzelmann of the State Hospital at Stockton gave an address, on a recent Sunday evening, on "Personality Equipment."

PETALUMA. A three-year plan has been adopted, including a 20 percent per year increase in church attendance, a 10 percent per year increase in membership, 10 percent per year in Sunday School enrollment and much larger percentages in Sunday School attendance. The church has also adopted a goal fo $50 a year increase in benevolences. A committee was appointed to survey the needs and posibilities of improvement in the church plant. Rev. Ralph C.Waddell is pastor.

RIPON. In spite of widespread illness, more than a hundred attended the annual dinner and meeting. All bills were reported paid and a favorable balance in the treasury. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. Those present enjoyed a fine program of music and readings. Rev. Everett L. Spuller is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Fifty-seven additions to the church for 1935 were reported at the annual meeting, bringing the membership up to 714. Average Sunday morning attendance for the year was 230 and at the evening service, with pictures, over 700. The pastor, Rev. H.S.Mahood, reported 2,845 visits, of which more than 1,800 were on persons sick and in need.

GUERNEVILLE. The young people are assisting splendidly in the choir. A fine spirit of harmony prevailed at the annual meeting. The Sunday School enrollment has increased considerably. Rev. Ray S. Miller is the pastor.

West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship will hold a rally at San Mateo, Friday evening, February 14, beginning with a dinner at seven o'clock. The meeting has been announced as an "all fun night," with Rev. Norman W. Pendleton as master of ceremonies.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Federation, held January 16 and 17, will long remain in the memories of those attending it for its deep spiritual quality. The theme of the meeting was "Ourselves—as Individuals and as Component Parts that make Humanity." From the moment the session opened with the magnificent strains of Gounod's "Sanctus," through Mrs. Frank J. Greene's devotional service, Superintendent Gill's message at the Fellowship dinner, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach's discussion of prayer, the Communion Service, to the closing words of the benediction by Rev. Jessie Heath, the deep things of the spirit found expression. The address by Dr. Walter Morritt on "Europe and Peace," the pictures of life in Turkey by Mrs. Harold Pence, and the close-at-home matters of our own societies, gave us glimpses of our privileges and responsibilities as part of the great human family.

The women of North Church, Berkeley, extended most charming hospitality through Mrs. E. L. Mullinix, president of the Women's Auxiliary. The music rendered by Mrs. Gertrude Yost, organist, and the songs by Mrs. Vera Haynes, soloist of the church, were delightful features of the program. At the Fellowship dinner, Rev. E. W. Benedict, pastor, cordially greeted the Federation, and Miss Louane Leech of Petaluma, talented reader and impersonator, entertained with humorous selections. The address of the evening was by our Superintendent, Rev. Harley H. Gill, on "A Drama of Christian Imperatives," in four acts, based on the Master's words, "Come," "Follow," "Abide," and "Go." We hope this may be given in some detail next month.

THE YEAR'S WORK

In reviewing the year's work, a symposium was conducted by Mrs. T. E. Borden in which the various secretaries and associational presidents gave brief reports. Space permits mention of only two of these. The Thank Offering Secretary, replying to the query, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits to me?" reported that $1,086 had been received as the Thank Offering, an increase over last year of $150. The Social Welfare Secretary reported that all quotas were filled, and that the total value of them, not including postage, amounted to $1,044.87. All of the reports indicated the increasing value of the Federation to the church societies.

It was with deep regret that the Nominating Committee reported that Mrs. Greene would be unable to serve another year as president. Sincerest thanks were extended to her for her devotion and consecrated leadership for the past two years. In presenting to her a floral tribute, Mrs. E. V. Krick expressed for the Federation the loving appreciation of her beautiful service. In Mrs. A. V. Dunn of Sacramento, the Federation has a new president under whose leadership all Congregational women of northern California will be happy to serve.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To Mrs. E. V. Krick, chairman of the Program Committee, the Federation is especially indebted for the fine program of this 13th Annual Meeting. To her, and the members of the committee, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, Mrs. James Hazlett, and Mrs. Clara Cooper, sincere thanks are given.

A FAR VISION

Mrs. Harold Pence pictured life in a grey, dusty, rural town in the interior of Turkey to which she and her husband, missionaries of the American Board, went some years ago. Behind the windowless mud walls which lined the narrow streets were the homes and harems where the women and children were shut away from the outside world. Only in the bazaars was there stir and color. In time Mrs. Pence was admitted to these secluded homes and saw the life of the women, in which every act was regulated by custom or by superstition and fear of the evil eye.

When the new Turkey came, the modern girl in the old home changed the picture. Mothers anxiously asked how their daughters could be trusted to do right when there were no longer restraints upon them, no longer walls or veils behind which they might be protected. The missionary answered that in our Christian homes we build walls in the heart within which only the wholesome and clean may be harbored. In Turkey there are as yet no safe standards for the awakening youth. The most debasing of the American movies are shown there; the increasing use of liquor, in that hitherto temperate Moslem country, presents a dark picture.

Another picture, and a brighter one, was the home life and service of the missionary, not pushing a religion upon the people, but just living among them. There are restrictions upon what may be taught, but none upon honesty, straight dealing, kindness, or Christian living. The Turkish women are very keen and bright. Several are already serving in their legislative body, but most of them have never had any opportunity to exercise their new freedom. The vision of the future is the hope of today, and the far view in missions the world over is that of all women **working together** for their common advancement.

President's Message

"I want to thank you for giving me the privilege of being your president for the coming year. Ever since I have attended the board meetings I have felt the inspiration of them and I have realized the loyalty and cooperation of the women of the Federation and the splendid work accomplished by them. It was a knowledge of these things that gave me courage to take up this work this year. . . To be president of this Federation is an honor of which I am deeply appreciative. I realize that it means work and some sacrifice, but to me it carries more than these. It means the opportunity and the privilege of serving. I feel, however, that these are not mine alone, indeed they are offered to every woman in this Federation.

"Our organization is made up of women of diverse interests and varied talents. Every woman is important and necessary; there is something for each one to do according to her skill and devotion. Every service done in the spirit of Christ is lovely and helps to carry out God's great scheme. It is part of that scheme that we are living today in a changing world, and because it is a changing world it is a challenging one. Where there is change there is stimulation to new ideas and to new methods—there is challenge. Women the world over are faced with the challenge of the times, and everywhere they are alert, organized, and rising to meet it. . . In every movement for social uplift the women's church organizations should be leading the way, for every such group is a part of the great unit called the church, and with Vachel Lindsay we say:

'This is our faith tremendous,
Our wild hope, who shall scorn
That in the name of Jesus
Our world shall be reborn.'

"Today we are beginning a new year. As we work together may we put each activity in its proper place. It is necessary to raise money—we need it to carry on God's work—and it is also necessary to have social activities within our societies. While recognizing the importance of these things let us place our greatest emphasis upon those more enriching things which encourage spiritual growth, which clarify our vision, and widen our horizon. Thus strengthened and enriched, may each woman accept the opportunities which this changing world offers, and in so doing be richly blessed. At the close of our year together may we listen for the 'Well done' of the Master."

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THANK OFFERING

The Federation of Congregational Women has for a number of years sponsored a Thank Offering. This offering applies on regular missionary work of the denomination, but is not credited to the local church to apply on the goal adopted by the church. The reason for this is that the women of the Federation desire to keep it as an expression of thankfulness for the blessings of God, hence a gift over and above the obligations assumed by the churches. We are glad, however, to recognize the splendid results of the Thank Offering by publishing a special list of the churches making the contributions. The total of $1,086.83 is about $151 greater than in 1934. Twenty-seven per cent of this amount went for the support of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur in China. The remaining seventy-three per cent covers the missionary work in Trinity County, and leaves a little surplus to offset a deficit of a year ago. The Conference office desires to express to every women's organization participating, profound gratitude for the money thus contributed.

Alameda	$ 40.00
Benicia	12.88
Berkeley—First	86.26
North	46.41
Cloverdale	1.50
Cotati	12.83
Eureka	34.68
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